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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for the location of a package tracking in a shipping system comprising the steps of:
- a) storing at a data center a set of package data, said set of package data including a package tracking number and an e-mail address;
 - b) submitting a tracking request to a carrier website, said tracking request including said set of package data;
 - c) updating at said data center package tracking status from said carrier website;
 - d) updating said data center with the package tracking status;
 - e) gathering at said data center information from a sender web page that includes similar or collateral products and/or services offered by the sender;
 - f) combining said sender web page information with said updated data center information to determine the location of the package while the package is enroute for delivery; and

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- g) sending a message to said e-mail address, said message including said combined information regarding the delivery status of the package and information about the sender.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 further including the step of continuing said package tracking process until a predetermined time period elapses.

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3. (original) The method of claim 1 further including the step of continuing said package tracking process until said package is delivered.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said package tracking status is scraped from said carrier webpage.

5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said package tracking status is gathered from said carrier webpage using an application program interface.

6. Cancelled.

7. (currently amended) A method for tracking parcel shipping status in a shipping system comprising the steps of:

- a) generating at a data center a tracking number, said tracking number associated with a package to be shipped by a sender and a selected carrier;

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- b) an e-mail address for receiving shipping status update messages;
 - c) generating a tracking request containing said tracking number and said e-mail address;
 - d) storing the tracking requests in a queue;
 - e) sending said tracking request to a tracking website of the selected carrier;
 - f) receiving status results from said tracking website of the selected carrier;
 - g) gathering information from a second web site that includes similar or collateral products and/or services offered by a sender;
 - h) combining said tracking results and said second web site information at said data center to determine the location of the package while the package is enroute for delivery; and
 - i) sending a message to said e-mail address, said message including said combined information regarding the delivery status of the package and information about the second website.

8. (original) A method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said second website is said carrier website.

9. (original) A method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said second website is a sender website.

10. (original) The system of claim 7 further including the step of continuing said package tracking process until a predetermined time period elapses.

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11. (original) The system of claim 7 further including the step of continuing said package tracking process until said package is delivered.

12. Cancelled.

13. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein said package tracking data is gathered from said carrier webpage using an application program interface.

14. (currently amended) A system for tracking the location of a package in a shipping system comprising the steps of:

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- a) a data center for receiving a set of package data, said set of package data including a package tracking number and an e-mail address,
 - b) means for submitting a package tracking status request to a carrier website, said tracking request including said set of package data;
 - c) a means for updating said data center with said package tracking status;
 - d) a second web page for supplying information to said data center that includes similar or collateral products and/or services offered by a sender;

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- e) means for combining said second web page information with said updated data center information to determine the location of the package while the package is enroute for delivery; and
- f) means of sending a message to said e-mail address, said message including said combined information regarding the delivery status of the package and information regarding the second web page.

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15. (original) The system of claim 14 wherein said package status is updated until a predetermined time period elapses.

16. (original) The system of claim 14 wherein said package status is updated until said package is delivered.

17. (original) The system of claim 14 wherein said second web page is a sender web page.

18. (original) The system of claim 14 wherein said second web page is said carrier web page.

19. Cancelled.